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[11.](#) (SBU) The following is the latest SITREP covering Australia's response to the H1N1 outbreak.

[12.](#) (SBU) Government Response: Australia has experienced a spike in confirmed cases over the last 48 hours. Following a period of nearly two weeks with only one confirmed case, the Department of Health and Ageing has confirmed 10 new cases since May 20. This includes one case that was directly infected in Australia, as part of a four-case family cluster. Cases have been confirmed in New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria. Positive confirmation is expected May 22 for at least one case in Tasmania. The federal government has not changed its posture on border screening, contact tracing, or provision of prophylaxis and seven-day quarantine for suspected cases. No new travel alerts have been issued. State health authorities have closed one primary school in Victoria, for the remainder of this week as a precautionary measure. New South Wales police reported on May 21 that fake H1N1 warning signs, carrying the logos of Department of Health and Ageing, Attorney General's Department, US CDC and the WHO, have been found in Sydney. The signs reportedly say "H1N1 (Swine Influenza) has been detected in this area."

[13.](#) (SBU) Case Count: Since the outbreak of H1N1, Australia has investigated a total of 632 suspect cases, and confirmed 10 H1N1 cases. 29 cases remain under investigation as of May [122.](#)

[14.](#) (SBU) Post Actions: Post continues to monitor the H1N1 situation in Australia.

[15.](#) (SBU) Consular Issues: As of May 22, there are no reported consular issues involving H1N1.

¶ 6. (SBU) Public Diplomacy: The expansion of confirmed cases of H1N1 garnered some media attention over the period May 20-22, but H1N1 is not a leading media topic.

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